

RESOLUTION HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF LOCUST DRIVE EXTENSION, SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, this being the date set by Resolution No. 2025-441 adopted October 16, 2025 for the public hearing on the proposed establishment and dedication of a portion of Locust Drive, Saybrook Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners by prescription, in accordance with ORC 5553.02 has the authority to establish roads (public right-of-way) upon its own volition that will service at least three private residents in the first five hundred feet and one private residence in each two hundred feet thereafter; and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 5553.04 states that when the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that it will be for the public convenience or welfare to establish/dedicate a public road, it shall so declare by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, acting in good faith and in the interest of the general welfare has initiated the establishment and dedication a portion of Locust Drive Extension; and

WHEREAS, The Clerk to summarize documents received by the Board in this matter, to-wit:

- Memo dated August 19, 2025 from Saybrook Twp. Chairman Robert Brobst with Resolution #21 adopted by Saybrook Township Trustees to have Locust Drive Extension legally designated as a township road, moved by Dan Claypool, 2nd by Thomas Pope.
- Sent to Prosecutor's office for legal review.
- Email from Tom Partridge received September 30, 2025 stating need to establish the portion of Locust Drive Extension.
- October 16, 2025 by Resolution No. 2025-440 the County Commissioners declared the intention to proceed with the establishment and dedication of a portion of Locust Drive Extension in Saybrook Township.
- October 16, 2025 by Resolution No. 2025-441 Commissioners set the date and time of view and public hearing for the proposed road establishment and dedication
- Notice was published in the Gazette Newspapers on 10/23 and 10/30, 2025
- Notice of time and date of public hearing was sent to the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Saybrook Township Trustees and the adjoining property owners
- Commissioners viewed the area proposed to be established and dedicated on November 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
- The following reports were received from Chief Deputy Engineer Tom Partridge:

October 17, 2025

Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board, Ashtabula County Commissioners
25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047

Dear Lisa,

I have reviewed the resolutions for the establishment and dedication of an extension of Locust Dr. in Saybrook Township. I had supplied an abbreviated description of the section to be established, and have included the full description to be recorded and transferred as follows:

The Country Club Allotment Volume 7 Page 60 in the Ashtabula County Recorder's Office Plat Books. Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 5 thence northerly along the east line of Lot 5 to the northeast corner, thence easterly on a straight line to the northwest corner of Lot 12, thence southerly along the west line of Lots 12 and 11 to the intersection of an extension of the existing north right of way line of Orchard Lane and the existing east right of way line of Locust Drive, thence westerly along said extension of the existing north right of way line of Orchard Lane to the Southeast corner of Lot 5 and the point of beginning, containing approximately 0.27 acres.

I will be available for the viewing and hearing, and will supply you with a report from the Ashtabula County Engineer's Office. Let me know if you need anything in addition.

Signed, Tom Partridge, Chief Deputy Engineer

AND

November 7, 2025

Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board, Ashtabula County Commissioners
25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047

Dear Lisa,

I have reviewed the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners for the establishment of an additional 160 feet of Locust Drive in Saybrook Township. The requirements of 5553.02 govern the procedure to follow in this matter. Locust Drive as it currently exists is part of The Country Club Allotment Recorded in Plat Book Volume 7, page 60.

With the requirements of ORC 5553.02 being met, the extension will retain the same road number 1107 and shall be officially accepted into Saybrook Township road inventory.

I find the establishment and extension of Locust Drive to be for public convenience and welfare. Sent in an earlier letter is a detailed description of the area to be established as public roadway and to be filed with the Ashtabula County Recorder and the Ashtabula County Engineer's road records. I find the establishment and extension of Green Road to be for public convenience and welfare. The vacation of the old portion of Green Road will not land lock any parcels. I find no reason to prevent the establishment or vacation.

Signed, Tom Partridge, Chief Deputy Engineer

WHEREAS, public comments are offered as follows:

Bob Brobst, Saybrook Township Trustee stated the neighbors had asked the Township to finish and acquire the road. One of the biggest issues is when snow is pushed in winter was actually pushing into someone's property, now will be in the township owned area. In the spring they will finish paving. The twp. property goes to the end of the house's property lines. So many drainage catch basins, makes common sense to take care of the property.

Terry Schaab- If the township is going to put in a sewer system in, it is time they took the end of the street so it can be paved. One thing is it looks better. They had discussions a few years ago, finally got together for an agreement with the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Kozlowski and Whittington stated their appreciation for the township, Engineer's office and the residents.

WHEREAS, There being no further testimony or questions the Public Hearing is adjourned; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the hearing in the matter of the establishment and dedication a portion of Locust Drive Extension is hereby declared adjourned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners will make a decision on the matter at the next Agenda Session to be held on November 20, 2025. The Clerk of the Board will send a certified copy of the resolution to the Township Trustees, adjoining property owners and the offices of the Engineer, Auditor and Recorder.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2025-501

November 13, 2025

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio